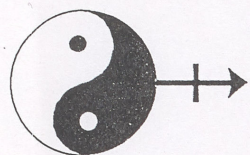


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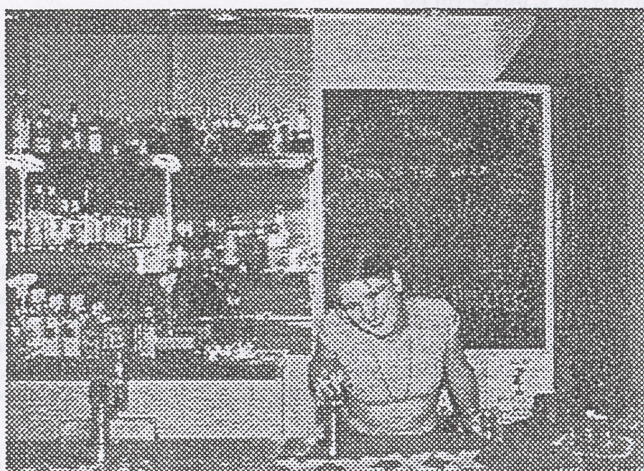
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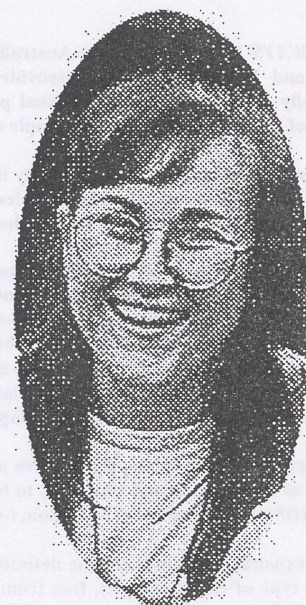
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Kelly serving the drinks
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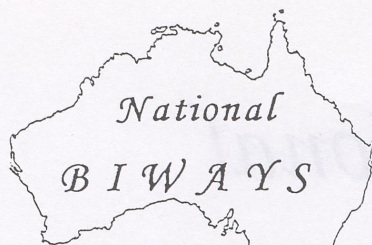
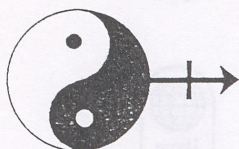
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ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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Announcing the

3rd AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE ON BISEXUALITY

"Beyond the Boundaries - Bisexuality in Modern Society"

Sydney, Australia
20-22 February 1998

The 3rd OzBiCon is open to all bisexual people and anybody with an interest in Bisexuality to present, support and attend. The Conference Theme is **"Beyond the Boundaries - Bisexuality in Modern Society"**. The Conference is co-hosted by the Australian Bisexual Network, Sydney Bisexual Network and Sydney Bi Youth. It will be in Sydney over the 20th to 22nd February 1998 during the **Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival** and will be held the week-end before the Mardi Gras Parade.

The Conference Planning Committee is now accepting proposals for paper presentations and workshops & is seeking Volunteer Track Coordinators for the following Conference Tracks:

Beyond Australia - bisexuality and our regional neighbours.

(Track Coordinator needed)

This Track could look at bisexuality in the cultures/societies of our regional neighbours of Asia and the Pacific including Pacific Rim countries. It could include what bisexuality is for migrant and student populations from non-English speaking countries now resident in Australia or the export of the Westernised identities including "Bisexual" to non-Western cultures including Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Beyond Gender - image, attractions, people and bits & pieces.

(Track Coordinator needed)

This Track could look at the role gender plays in, or not plays in, our attractions, sex, love, relationships, dominant culture, sexism or hang-ups. It could look at images of gender, stereotypes, body parts and characteristics that turn us on or off as they relate to bisexuals. It could look at the appeal of transgender people and the relationships bisexuals have with transgender people.

Beyond Identity - gay, straight, queer, bi, tranny and others.

(Track Coordinator - Sam Stott??)

This track could look at the history of (bi)sexual identity, community identity, non-identifying bisexually active people, the needs to or needs not to identify with a sexual label, the acceptance of queer in youth/student non-heterosexual culture, alternative identities, past, present & future of labelling, non-Western labels for bisexually active people & practices, cyber sex & identity swapping, combinations of labels such as being Bi & Differently Abled or Bi & Aboriginal, and the policies of other organisations based around identity such as Mardi Gras.

Beyond Sex - activism, politics and coalitions.

(Track Coordinator needed)

This Track could look at bisexuality and the involvement of bisexual people in activism, being out as role models/celebrities, developing bi groups & communities, forming alliances & coalitions, being Bi as opposed to just (bi)sexual, combatting racism in our community, what is bisexual feminism.

Beyond the Age of Consent - from youth to aged.

(Track Coordinator needed)

The Track could include papers, presentations and workshops on areas such as Issues for under age bisexual youth, (Bi)Sexuality education in schools & universities, Bisexually active but non-Bi identifying youth: from queer to just sexual, Legal implications of different ages of consent for bisexuals, Bisexuals do age gracefully, Sexually active & over 50 and Intergenerational friendships, sex and relationships.

Beyond Research - who is saying and doing what about us.

(Track Coordinator: Kirsten McLean)

We really need to have a say about what the people researching us and writing about us (many of whom are not bi themselves) are doing to present bisexuality in a positive light. This track could include research, academic studies, media coverage, fiction writing, poetry, anthologies, personal stories, plays and television/movies.

Beyond Marriage - relationships of lust, love and/or commitment.

(Track Coordinator: Niki Armanasco)

This track could look at presentations on married bisexuals, the straight and gay partners of bisexuals, coming out to family members, non-monogamy, having children, legislation on same sex relationships, swinging, options for love and a family, being single and Bi, relationship counselling and the secrets to a lasting relationship.

Beyond The Body - behaviours, health and well-being.

(Track Coordinator needed)

This Track could look at such issues as alcohol, drugs, smoking, stress, suicide, beats, domestic violence, sexual abuse, self esteem, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, Hepatitis A,B&C, homophobic violence, massage, tantra sex, therapies, music, art.

The **Call for Presentations** for the above Tracks close on **December 15th 1997**. Please contact ABN by email at ausbinet@rainbow.net.au or call ABN on (07) 3857 2500 to indicate your interest and receive further guidelines.

The Conference encourages participation from bisexual people from through-out Australia and overseas and to assist these people, the Conference will again try to billet them with local Sydney-siders. If you require billeting or can offer accommodation please contact the **Billeting Coordinator**, Mik Scheper at SBN by email to sbn@bi.org or contact ABN.

A **Conference Venue Coordinator** and **Volunteer helpers** are also required. Their role will be to find a suitable Conference venue, to organise set up and pull down as required during the Conference and to staff the registration and help desk. A **Bi Party Coordinator** is also needed to find a suitable venue for the closing party. To be able to assist disadvantaged people and youth/students attend, the Conference needs Sponsorships and therefore seeks a **Sponsorships Coordinator** and **Sponsorship Helpers** (volunteers outside of Sydney). Their roles will be to find out sponsors and to assist with promoting the conference to their local communities and/or Media.

If you want to get involved, contact the **Conference Coordinator** at ABN on (07) 3857 2500 or toll free from outside of Brisbane on 1800 653 223 or e-mail to ausbinet@rainbow.net.au and we will get back to you.

Come join the fun in Sydney at Mardi Gras time for the biggest Bisexual Event on Australia's calendar.

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13th Annual International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organisation Conference Pisa, Italy, 27 July - 3 August, 1997

Report by Sabina Nowak, Australian Bisexual Network delegate

My participation in this conference was a unique experience as it marked the first time any representative from Australia had been accepted to attend an IGLYO conference, and the first time a representative from any bisexual organisation in the world attended.

The theme of this year's IGLYO conference was Homophobia and Fascism. Ironically, as I sat in Frankfurt airport waiting for a connecting plane I got chatting with a German man for whom fascism was currently playing a major part in his life. He was on his way to Columbia to live with his wife and new baby. He told me that as he was a white man and his wife was a woman of colour, his family would not be safe from the racist attacks of Neo-Nazis if they lived in Germany. This made the purpose of the conference that much more real for me, and made me feel very lucky that the Neo-Nazi movement in Australia has never really taken off.

At the official opening of the conference I learned of the amazing support that IGLYO had received to hold the conference, in both word and kind from the local government. IGLYO also received money from the European Union, its primary funding body.

The first topic of discussion at the conference focussed largely on the experiences of homosexually active men by the Nazi regime. Sex between men had been legislated a crime before Hitler, but as the Nazis gained power, the anti gay sex law was more harshly policed.

In the concentration camps these men were multiply discriminated against, by the officers and by their fellow prisoners who dared not associate with them. As gay men made up only a small minority of camp inhabitants, this increased the threat to them as support played a vital role in survival. Homosexuality remained illegal until 1969 and so imprisonment in the camps could be used as evidence to imprison them again if they had not completed their sentences or be used to increase any future sentences they may have received.

Homophobic discrimination later prevented the stories of homosexuals in the camps being told and recognised until the last 10-15 years or so, and there is still relatively little evidence available regarding what actually happened.



Sabina Nowak, Australian Bi Youth delegate with Lenny Bear, Ruth & Colin (UK), Remco (Netherlands), Eduardo (Spain), Sarah (UK), Anja (Germany) & Dennis (Netherlands) at IGLYO Conference, Pisa, Italy, 27 July to 3 Aug 1997.

We later heard how there is little evidence to suggest that women were imprisoned in the camps for being lesbians but as Jewish women, or women from another target group. However, the only woman ever killed after the war for war crimes was a Jewish lesbian who had collaborated with the Nazis. Although her crimes were no worse than those of others who had lived, it is believed her lesbianism may have caused her to be treated more harshly.

Fellow prisoners often saw homosexual behaviour by women and men as examples of the inhumanity of the camps, and there was often little if any differentiation by other holocaust survivors between the same sex rapes performed by Nazis and homosexuality.

After the plenaries on fascism in Nazi Germany, conference delegates had the opportunity to split up in workshops and discuss homophobia, sexism and other forms of fascism in our own lives.

Many delegates displayed material from their own countries, showing what kinds of programs were being implemented. I saw photos from Belgian gay, lesbian and bisexual youth camps, posters produced by the "North London Line", media coverage of the Pride March in Buenos Aires and a video of gay nightlife in the former Yugoslavia.

In formal and informal discussions I learned some interesting news about what issues were affecting non-heterosexual people in other countries.

Holland was very close to legalising same sex marriages until the Chinese government (who adopts out a lot of children who have been relinquished due to the one child policy) said that they would not let Holland have any Chinese children if same sex couples were allowed to be married, and thus receive full child adopting privileges.

Gays in the military is still a major issue for many European countries, particularly due to compulsory military service by men in countries such as Bulgaria, Estonia and Italy. I spoke to a man from Bulgaria who had to perform in a series of primitive psychological tests to find out whether or not he was balanced. When the doctor discovered his same sex preferences, he was told that he would have to perform another test after a year or two to see if he had "improved". If he is "cured", he will have to take part in the military service, if not, he will have his deviancy marked on his permanent record.

I presented a 40-minute plenary to the conference on what was occurring in Australia. I spoke briefly about the history of gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender and HIV positive people's achievements and human rights, current issues and the move to the right in Australian politics.



Sabina on one of the many bridges in Florence, Italy in August 1997.

The whole conference spent a day in Florence, where we saw the new gay and lesbian community centre, run by the Florence gay and lesbian organisation. Representatives told us how they had received no funding for the centre and were surviving by opening part of it up as a cafe/restaurant for meals and a bar on Friday and Saturday night. This, they said was the legacy of living in the land of the Pope.

It seemed delegates learned as much about each other from informal discussion as we did in plenaries and workshops. On the whole, I was struck by the fact that we were all struggling for the same things, and that we all seemed to have a lot more in common than we had differences.

I think Australia has a lot that it can learn from the IGLYO experience. IGLYO is quite influential in Europe - it has representatives on an international youth board (along with Christian and other religious youth organisations) which produces trans-European campaigns (such as the "All different-All equal"

campaign) and influences European Union youth policy. Similarly I think that Australians and other non-heterosexual youth outside of Europe have a lot to offer IGLYO to make it even more international. I would love to see IGLYO grow to influence the United Nations one day, and hold conferences outside of Europe.

I had a wonderful and very worthwhile time at the IGLYO conference '97. I met many interesting new people and networks, and appreciated the opportunity to learn about gay, lesbian and bisexual life in other countries. I hope that I can make it to next year's IGLYO conference in Amsterdam, coinciding with the 1998 Gay Games. Whether or not I can go, I think it would be terrific for other gay, lesbian and bi youth to have the opportunity to attend, possibly having an Australian and/or bisexual contingent.

I would like to thank the following people, businesses and organisations, for whom without their generous donations of time, money or goods and services, I never would have been able to go:

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The International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organisation (IGLYO) has an international Pen-Pal program for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth under 27 years old. It currently has over 160 members from more than 30 countries and is a great way to get to know queers from all around the world! for more info and to become a member, please write to *IGLYO- PO Box 542- 1000 AM Amsterdam- The Netherlands*, or e-mail to *IGLYO@pi.net*. For membership send a copy of your passport or drivers licence, some info about yourself, the languages you speak and your address.

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'Some are born Bisexual, some achieve Bisexuality, and some have Bisexuality thrust upon them...'

— Tom Robinson on stage at Bicon '97

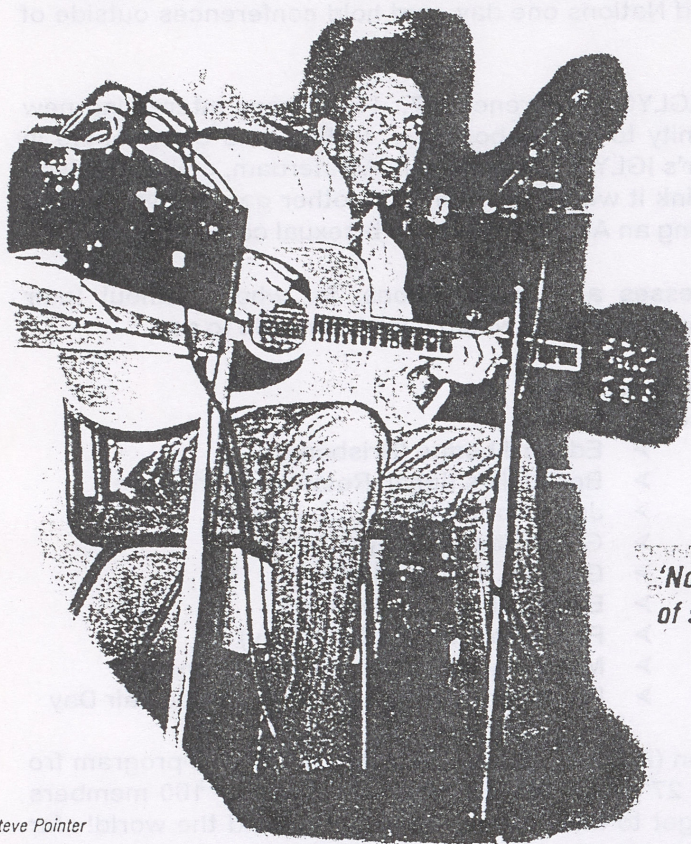


Photo: Steve Pointer

Tom Robinson has been an out gay musician for over two decades, during half of which he has been bisexual Steve Pointer spoke to him after his free gig at the Bisexual Conference about his life, his music and his sexuality.

At Bicon '97 Tom Robinson played once again for free to an enthusiastic bi audience. In the '70s he was one of Britain's most visible gays, making no compromises about his sexuality – and unleashing *Glad to be gay* on an unsuspecting straight world. So what brings him to the bi community 20 years later?

'As I said earlier tonight, some have bisexuality thrust upon them – and falling in love with a woman ten years ago rather upset my cosy gay view of the world. As part of a conscious decision to start celebrating my bisexuality I made an

album called *Having It Both Ways* last year.

The cover image was by Della Grace – who also likes her sexuality

both shaken and stirred. Queer and straight fans have reacted so positively I only wish I'd done it sooner.'

Tom's relaxed confidence when talking suggests that he's come to know himself well, reflecting the fact that, like many queers, he's been through the mill in the past. Aged 16 he attempted suicide and spent years recovering from the breakdown. Sat in his car after the Bicon gig, he talked candidly about how his own sexuality and circumstances have developed.

'Many teenage boys see "getting your end away" with the

'Nobody owes you respect just because of some event in the distant past.'

opposite sex as vital to establishing a masculine (i.e. heterosexual) identity. Nothing queer about me, no sir. For as long as I had that attitude, all my attempts to "go out with" or "get off with" women were doomed. But once I said "fuck it I'm queer" at the age of 23 and stopped pretending, life got a whole lot simpler.

'Paradoxically the result was not only a lot more enjoyable gay sex but that I also ended up going to bed with women for the first time. When a gay man has sex, it's because he enjoys it, for its own sake. He's certainly not trying to shore up some bogus notion of masculinity in his own psyche. Gay men are sexual outlaws already – which is why we tend to be a lot more open to sexual experimentation than most hets. There's no such thing as "normal" gay

sex. Once you've tried the wide variety of experiences on offer,

doing it with a woman can just seem like one further flavour to sample. That inventiveness – and the fact that we're not trying to prove anything – paradoxically means straight women quite like going to bed with gay men.

'It happens a lot more than most people are prepared to admit. I remember when a (male) gay rights candidate once stood in a general election with a female campaign agent. Naturally he hadn't a hope in hell of winning – the campaign was simply to raise consciousness of lesbian/gay issues. These two got so close in the course of working together that they ended up having a secret affair. Of course this fact would have totally discredited the campaign so they had to be extremely careful. That's an extreme example but when lesbians and gays experiment, they do often keep quiet for fear of how it might reflect on their sexual identity.'

At Pride '97 Tom wore a 'Don't Panic' T-shirt proclaiming 'The Artist Formerly Known As Gay'. Does he still identify as gay, has he changed to bisexual or tried to avoid labelling altogether?

'Well to me, bisexuality means being equally attracted to people of either sex whereas I've had maybe half a dozen female lovers ever. I can't tell you how many men there've been but it's a lot more than that. So from my point of view it's simple: I'm a gay man who happened to fall in love with a woman. But ten years of explaining this to the prurient, the misinformed and the downright bigoted seems to have caused more problems than it solved. So to hell with it. If liking men and loving a woman makes me bisexual, then it's time to stand up and be a bit proud about it. So the answer to your question is "Say It Loud, I'm Bi and I'm Proud!"'

Since his previous appearances at Pride, a great deal has changed – not least the name. So how does Tom view this? 'Although it was an important, hard-won concession to get the title "London Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride" adopted, my personal preference is still for "Gay Pride". In the early days of GLF (the Gay Liberation Front)

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"gay" seemed to mean anybody who deviated from the heterosexual norm - homo, lesbian, bi, butch, fem, leather, drag queens, vanilla, transsexual - whatever. We were all in it together. That definition has closed in hugely since then, which is a shame. The queerbasher doesn't differentiate between Bi, Gay or Queer. If you fancy other fellers, that's it - you're a poof.

'It's easy to understand why people who've fought to build a viable lesbian/gay identity might see bisexuality as a cop-out. Bisexuals always have the option to enjoy status and privileges in mainstream society which are denied to the openly lesbian or gay. But bisexuality can also be as threatening to some in

the Out community as it is to some heterosexuals. Some gay men actively fear and dislike women - while women who've become lesbian to get away from het men can hardly welcome the thought of gay brothers making passes at them.'

Prior to his appearance in the bisexual tent this year, the last time Tom played at Pride was in 1988, on the main stage. He'd mentioned in interviews that he was living with a woman and was booed by some members of the crowd. Didn't this treatment feel like a huge kick in the teeth considering the work he'd put in? 'Not really. Nobody owes you respect just because of some event in the distant past. You have to earn it year on year. After appearing at Pride for 15 years it was time to stop and hand over to someone else. The tosser who later had a go at me in *Gay Times* was actually quite correct to say the fact that I did *Glad to be Gay* in 1978 didn't mean shit in 1993.

'The point he missed though was that I still play AIDS benefits, write queer songs and publicly combat homophobia in interviews and at gigs year in, year out in this country and abroad. My radio history of gay music won a gold at the UK Sony Radio Awards this year, for Christsake. If the criticism had come from someone like Peter Tatchell, Ian McKellen or whoever it might have been more worrying. But dickheads who carp and criticise while contributing fuck-all themselves are two a penny.'

It's easy amidst all of the politics to lose sight of the fact that Tom made his name as a musician and songwriter. As he explained this remains a central theme and occupies much of his time. 'Most of this year has been spent remastering albums for re-release and establishing a full CD mail order catalogue. My aim is to get all 20 of my albums available on CD by the end of the year. Titles get deleted and years of work can evaporate as if they'd never been. There'll also be a UK tour in November/December.'

A position of bipolar opposition with queers on one side straights on the other and ne'er the twain... was evident for some time. Does Tom sense that this situation is changing for the better? 'The new phenomenon of "strays" (straights who dress and act gay) seems really encouraging to me. That was unthinkable when I was 16 - homosexuality was an imprisonable offence and there was not a single positive gay role-model in public life. Nowadays pop music, comedy, television and the theatre have whole galaxies of out gay stars - even MPs and a senior government minister are

openly homosexual. It's great how much things have improved - people coming out has been the key.'

To those of us who have been involved for any amount of time as activists on bisexual issues, the lack of growth within the community from year to year can be exasperating: every small advance has to be fought for. As a newcomer with considerable experience of fighting for minority rights, Tom offered an encouraging prognosis.

'I think we've barely begun. There seems to be a feeling that bisexuality is like a new underground - not unlike early the early days of Gay Liberation. It's all uncharted territory that's there to be

fought for. Taboos are being broken - who knows what's out there, how big the potential is? Numbers have not yet reached critical mass, but they will.

'The whole way we present ourselves has to become much sexier, much livelier - much more fun to be part of. One small example: at Pride this year we had two little tents tucked away on the side called 'Bisexual Community Tent' and 'Transgender Pride Tent'... next year why not join forces, bury our differences and throw the whole thing wide open with a big, shared, communal 'EVERY WHICH WAY' area where everybody's welcome and anything goes? There's no point thinking small - there's a huge need out there which isn't being met. We really need to go for it.

'The next Bicon in Cambridge could be a massive, wild and hugely enjoyable party where people come from all over the country for a hot weekend of dancing, drinking, smooching, smoking, singing, snogging, seminars and, yes, sex. We'd need terrific graphic design, bright colours, sexy illustrations, fabulous music and a sense that on that one weekend *this* is where it's truly at. Get a hooky catchphrase title ('Wild And Wet', 'Summer Deviation', 'Over Under Sideways Up' - whatever).

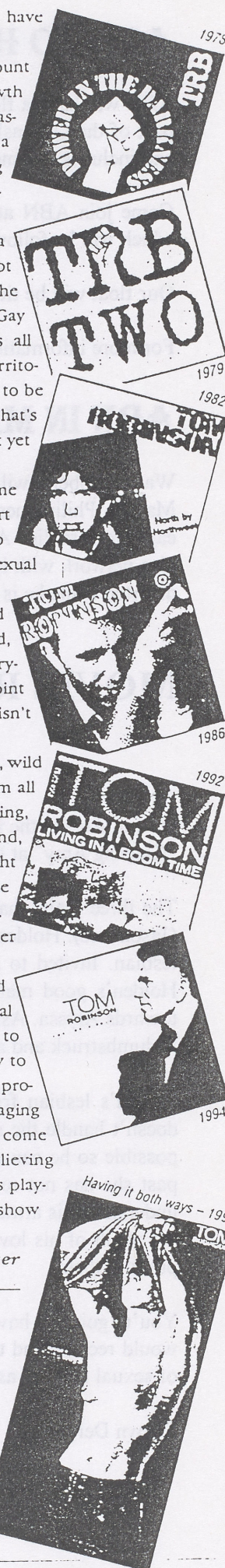
'Yes, there should be discussions, meetings and committees - but as a side attraction to a huge social event, not the other way around. Get fucking Suede to come and play at it. Get in a Channel Four film crew to make a documentary about it. Run a six-month-long promotion campaign and build up to it, actively encouraging people of every age, shape, gender and inclination to come and join us. These things only become possible by believing they're possible. For one weekend let's see bisexuals playing host to the worldwide queer community to show everybody just why bi is best of all.'

Steve Pointer

If you'd like to take up any of the issues raised in the interview, Tom would be very pleased to hear from you. Contact him at: Tom Robinson, PO Box 3185, London SW18 3JG; fax/info: 0181 333 2468; email: tomrob@resrocket.com; web page: <http://www.tomrobinson.com>

The dates of Tom's tour in November and December are given in our listings on page 10.

Tom is keen to perform at the Oz BiCon in Feb.



ABN TO HAVE FLOAT IN JIEMBA CARNIVAL

ABN will have a float (well not really a float but a 1.5 ton truck with a caged back). The Jiemba Carnival is part of the Queensland Gay & Lesbian Summer Festival on in Brisbane from November 8th through to 16th and includes forums, art exhibitions, boat cruise, street party, parade and Sleaze Ball.

Come join ABN at the Street Party on November 15th in Little Edward Street, outside Options Nightclub which will be followed that evening by the Parade to the RNA Showgrounds for Brisbane's Sleaze Ball.

Our float will be titled - The Bird Cage - with the "rd" crossed out to give - The Bi Cage.

For more information on our involvement give us a call on (07) 3857 2500.

ABN IN MANILA

Wayne Roberts will be presenting a paper at the 4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific in Manila, Philippines from 25-29 October. While there Wayne will be meeting with local bisexuals who are eager to establish Asia's first Bisexual Group. From Manila Wayne will visit Kuala Lumpur where he will also network with local bisexual people. He will be back in Brisbane on November 9th. ABN's phone will be diverted while he is away and mail and e-mail will be replied to upon his return.

MOVIE REVIEW

Chasing Amy

During August the Brisbane arm of the Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA) organised a night to see "Chasing Amy" at the Dendy Cinema. Although the turnout of people was lousy, the movie was brilliant.

The three main characters in the movie are Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams), Holden (Ben Affleck) and Banky (Jason Lee). Holden meets Alyssa and immediately has a crush on her but little does he know, that Alyssa is a lesbian. Invited to a club he soon realises she is into women and he has to settle with being just friends. Holden's good mate and business partner, Banky, is homophobic and ridicules Holden about his feelings towards Alyssa. As Holden's friendship with Alyssa intensifies, he finally lets his emotions out to Alyssa who is dumbstruck and angered by his outburst at first but then decides that Holden is the person for her.

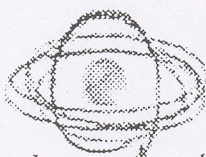
Alyssa's lesbian friends do not handle the news very well that her new relationship is with a guy. Banky doesn't handle the situation very well either and makes it his task to find out as much dirt about Alyssa as possible so he can end the relationship which has strained his friendship with Holden. He finds Alyssa has a past she has not revealed to Holden and uses it to his advantage. Holden consults a gay friend who cannot understand his attraction to a lesbian but tells him he should open his eyes to the fact that Banky's actions are the result of his love for Holden. Holden comes up with a plan and calls both Alyssa and Banky together to put it to them.

You're going to have to see the movie or wait for the video to find out the ending but it is filled with emotion. I would recommend this film to anyone. It also has comedy in it and brings into light the conflicting arguments of sexual identity as opposed to sexual behaviour.

Shawn Dern



Enter the Queensland Gay & Lesbian Summer Festival



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Bar Bi

Shawn Dern

As a member of ABN Brisbane and the Bi youth group, I've been given the task of reporting on Bar Bi and giving my impressions on this social gathering which had been held twice a month at the Shamrock Hotel since June but is now at The Rat Hotel in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley.

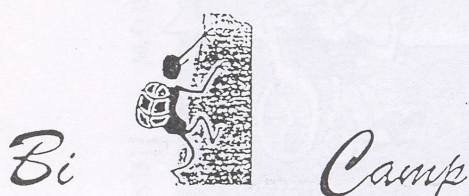
Firstly I must say it is good to finally have a venue in Brisbane where bisexuals who identify with the straight, gay and both scenes can meet and have a few drinks in a relaxed atmosphere and not be hassled by members of the straight or gay & lesbian community.

The official opening of Bar Bi at the Shamrock Hotel was held on June 19 and a good sized crowd of around 60 turned up. Prizes were donated by businesses in Brisbane including Red Earth, The Den Adult Bookshop and the Courtyard Bistro at the Shamrock. Prizes were raffled or awarded during the evening and we also had people taking off articles of clothing in the hope of winning one of the prizes. There were a few red faces and also the sighting of someone with red underwear but overall it was a really good night.

The next Bar Bi was held on the 3rd July and that night also saw a good crowd turn up as university students from all over Australia had gathered in Brisbane for the week long Queer Collaborations Conference. ABN members from other states were billeted with Brisbane members so they were able to make it to the many events during the week that coincided with Brisbane's Pride Festival.

At this Bar Bi night, Sabina Nowak of Adelaide, the Bi youth rep. to the IGLYO Conference in Pisa, drew out the winning tickets for the raffle to help raise funds to send her to the conference. Prizes were a week-end for two at Edward Lodge, Brisbane, donated by Edward Lodge and a dinner at Borticelli's Italian Restaurant, Breakfast Creek Wharf, donated by Borticelli's. We also had Dirt performing on the stage to provide some live music for the night.

Bar Bi has seen a steady stream of new faces and some good support from a group of regulars who have attended all Bar Bi nights. The new venue at The Rat Hotel is great and very promising and spacious if we have any entertainment at future nights. If you haven't been to Bar Bi then come along. It is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 8pm and the Christmas Eve night should be something real special.



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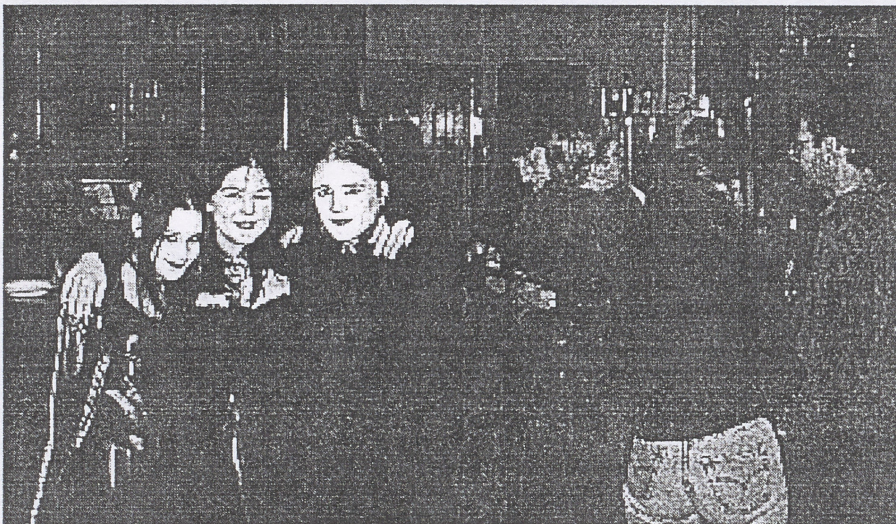
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Bar Bi at The Shamrock Hotel June - Sept 1997.



Out in the Courtyard of the Shamrock

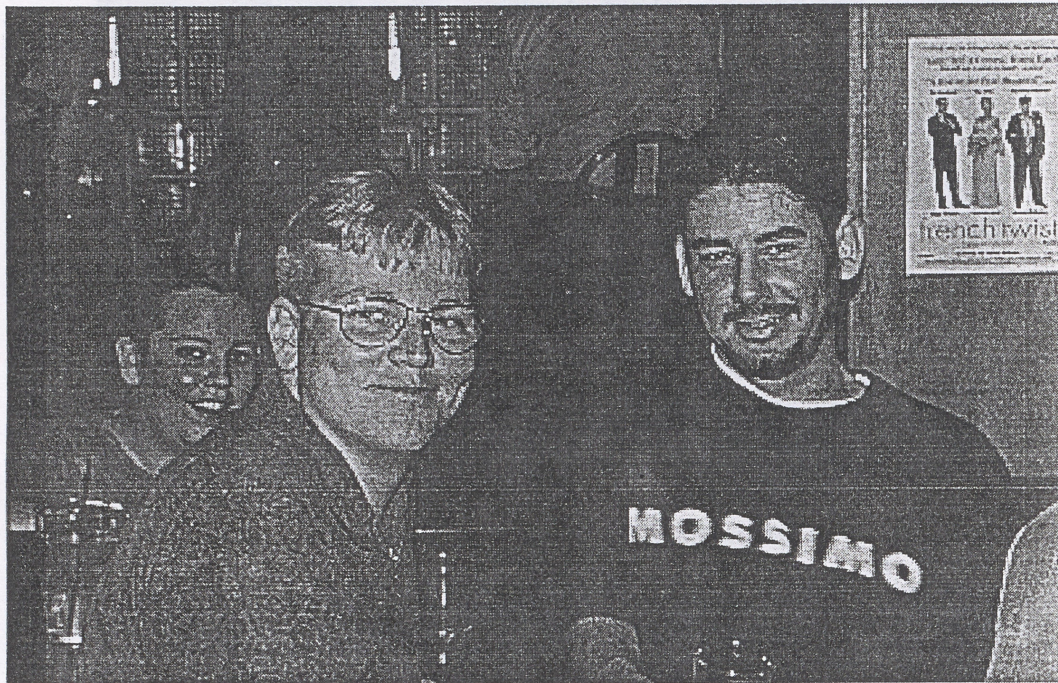


Our Bi Goth Trio



Jo bears it for the Camera from behind the Bar at the Shamrock

Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel from October 1997



Sarah, Shawn and David at The Rat.



Greg and John (the wives declined to be photographed)

5th International Bisexual Conference

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- Gender - Research/Theory
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- Safer Sex/HIV - Personal Growth
- Sexuality - Computer/Internet
- Non-Bi Partners/Families - Performance
- Film and Video - Track X (other sessions)
- Our Bodies: Differing Ability, Health, Image
- Global/Regional/Racial/Cultural/Class Differences

Conference presenters currently include bisexuals from England, Germany, Finland, Canada, Argentina, Scotland, Australia, Netherlands, and the USA. The expected attendance is 600 - 700 bisexuals, friends, and allies. The conference language is English, with some presentations and workshops in Spanish. Travel Assistance Grants may be available to bisexual people from developing countries and to youth and students to attend the conference.

For more information, call the Boston Bisexual Resource Center at (+1 617) 4249595, email info@biconf.org, or visit the IBC5 conference web site at: <http://www.biconf.org>

Further information, including a registration form, registration fee, a call for workshops, presentations, panels, where to apply for a travel grant, etc. will be posted at the IBC5 web site, all bisexually-oriented email mailing lists, and in bisexual print outlets such as Anything That Moves magazine, the BiNet USA quarterly, and local bi newsletters. So start planning now for your spring trip to Boston. See you there.

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ABN members, Christine & Blair up from Hobart at Bar Bi Oct. 1st.



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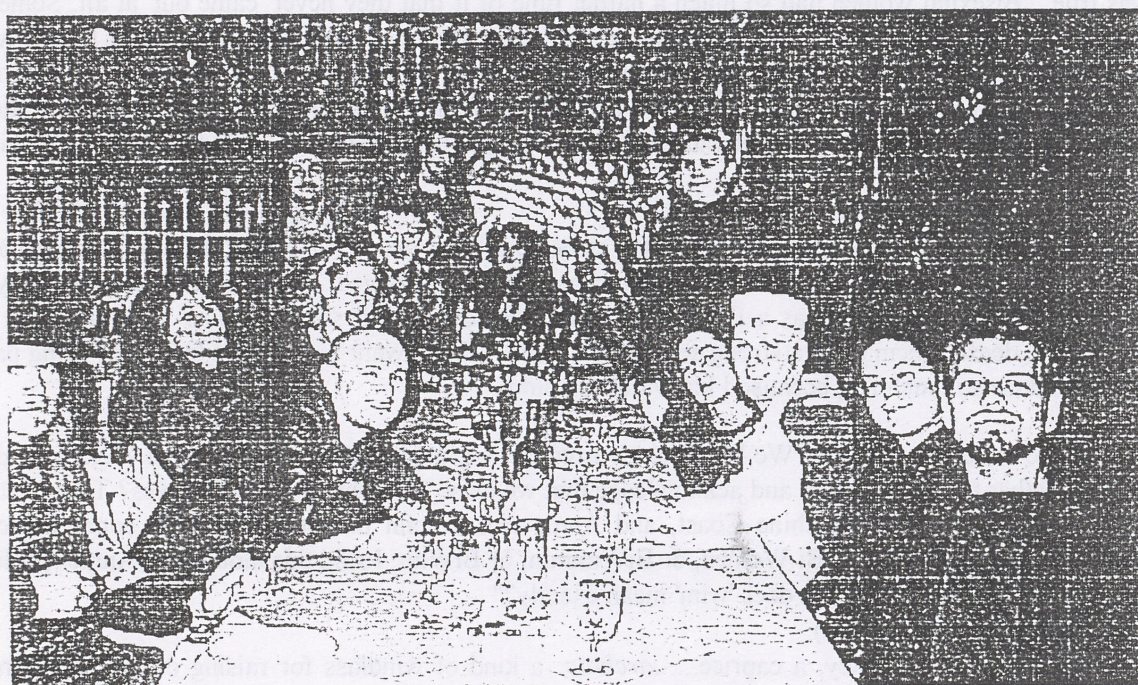
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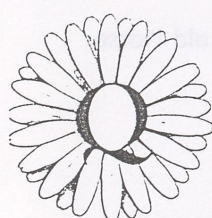
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BENT

by Paula Grgurich-Shewchuk

Annie and I had coffee. It was in the Pica Cafe, two flat whites. May not sound like all that much but, it is.

Annie had been thinking about meeting me for months, since Bent first ran in Perth's G&L paper, WestSide Observer in October 1996 actually, and so we finally talked on the phone, and talked on the phone and never seemed to manage to meet up.

That coffee, when I should've been doing other things (...what's new?) is the beginning of something in Perth that's been happening in North America for 20 years and the Eastern States for for a good while...a bisexual women's' social support group. I've thought about doing it for a while but until Annie rang me..well, it was just another good idea, that I wasn't gonna find the time for.

Annie has just started to come back out onto 'the scene' and knew that there just had to be other women like her, but didn't know where to begin. There's the ABN (Australian Bisexual Network) news magazine, National Biways which showed a lot of stuff happening in the Eastern States, and Andrew, Ian and Graham here passing on information, but there didn't seem to be any other Bi women out there for Annie to meet.

At a dinner last year, when the editor of National Biways was on his way back from the International Bisexual Conference in Berlin, Annie was the only woman present. The general feel by some of the men was that women obviously didn't have any problem with a Bisexual identity and that is why there aren't many (any?) in the Perth group. But Annie (who's here in spirit, if not on the phone, as I write this for us both) felt that just the opposite was true....Bisexual women had so much a harder time of it that they never 'came out' at all. Some stay identified as Lesbian for whom men are an aberration, and some slide not-so-comfortably into a hetero world. Some have homophobic male partners that refuse to acknowledge their attraction to and love for women, and some have hetero-phobic partners who deny that there could possibly be an attraction to men, and both types of phobias lead to emotional and psychological, and sometimes, physical abuse. Just because we don't fit into the catgories as defined.

I have a lot of Bisexual female friends, but I came to realise that most of us identified as part of the Lesbian scene. I didn't want to lose my hard-earned status as a dyke. I belonged.....I was part of a community that accepted me. In fact, after identifying as a Dyke for so long, my tongue still stumbles over 'Bisexual' as a self-identification. There doesn't seem to be a strong sense of Bi Pride. I didn't want to lose that feeling of being part of the community I'd done so much for, because I knew that I would.

Annie came to see me at work. We had decided to take the plunge and try to organise a social group that will simply get together to share stories, and acknowledge that we exist. But what to call ourselves? There's BiFem in Brisbane and WomBi on the Sunshine Coast, and Annie was certain that it wouldn't be copasetic to use someone else's name...so I thought of Bi Women, or BiWimmin, or BiWim. I said this aloud, and Annie just lit up. "Yes", she said, " It sounds great! What does 'wim' mean exactly?"

(with apologies to Mary Daly)

Wim-Whim...a sudden fancy, a caprice.....*archaic* a kind of windlass for raising ore or water from a mine.(17th c. origin unknown)

.....a bringing up from underground, which is appropriate because Annie said "I am a potato. I know that there are others here, but I must come up, above ground, to see them."

Caprice....an unaccountable or whimsical change of mind or conduct.

Windlass...a machine for hoisting or hauling [obsolete; *windas* via Old French *guindas* from old Norse from *vinda* wind2 +ass 'pole'.....wind2 in a circular, spiral, curved, or crooked course.

Which brings us back to BENT. I knew that I needed to 'do something' when, as Fair Day Co-convenor for the last Perth Lesbian & Gay Pride Festival, I got a call from a woman who said to me "I'd really like to attend, and maybe bring my husband, but I don't think he'd be welcome there with me." and I replied "We call this 'Unity' fairday for a reason. Bring your husband, and maybe, make up a t-shirt to wear that says 'How dare you presume I'm straight!'" Now I don't know if that woman went, but I do know that she is a woman that we'd like to have come along to BiWim get-togethers.

I also hope that BENT will become a semi-regular column on Bisexual issues in Perth, in Australia, and from around the globe.

In that vein, an exciting new text has just been published, *"She's my Wife, He's just Sex"*. Written by Sue Joseph, a journalist from Sydney, this book examines the 'undisclosed sexual duality amongst outwardly heterosexual men [which] is far more common than public discourse has revealed to date.' Ms. Joseph 'found no shortage of men, practising this secret sexual duality, ready to talk about it. And women, after many years of marriage, discovering their partners' secret lives.' The book is available at all good bookshops everywhere, and if you want more information on the subject, you can write to Graham of WABN, PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155.

Maybe things in Perth are beginning to shift. There's been the on-going debate in this paper about letting 'straights' into our 'gay' clubs. How does one tell if the boy and girl holding hands, as they wait in the queue at Connie's aren't a young poof, and his lipstick lesbian best-friend from highschool? Who's to tell me that I can bring the girl I've started seeing to the Xes Dance Party, and not the man I've been with for months? Just how 'queer' is queer enough?

Annie and I planned the first BiWim social-"there has to be more of us out here!"-gathering for a weeknight at the end of June. We did advertising in both the lesbian and gay press and the mainstream papers and the response was wonderful. Calls streamed in but not everyone could attend our meeting. We met some women individually for coffee and a chat. Most women come from a heterosexual community background, but at least "there are more of us out there" who want to meet up. If you want to find out the details on BiWim meetings, social events or to get our new BiWim Resource Kit, you can write to us c/o PO Box 8369, Perth Business Centre, 6849 or e-mail Paula at photogal@highway1.com.au. Meetings and social events are also listed on ABN's Home Page under "Events". If you live in Perth, come and join us for coffee, a chat, a night out at the pub or if you are really game, come and march with us in this year's Pride March. If you are elsewhere, why not get your own group started.

It may have only been Annie and I having a coffee, but, it was a start.

"The longest journey begins with a single step."

- Bent is a column written by Paula for Perth's Gay & Lesbian newspaper, *WestSide Observer*.
- Connies is Connections Nightclub, Australia's longest running continuous gay and lesbian nightclub.
- WABN is the Western Australian Bisexual Network which was established by four bi women and two bi men in November 1991. It also operated a Perth Bi Women's Group for a while in 1991-92.
- Perth's Lesbian & Gay Pride March will be held at 8pm on October 25th in Northbridge.
- Annie has been an ABN member since 1995 and was one of the ABN banner holders at the 1996 Mardi Gras Parade in Sydney.
- Paula has been an ABN member since 1997 and is ABN's National Women's Officer.
- Graham has been a member of WABN / ABN since 1991 and Andrew since early 1995.

5th International Bisexual Conference (IBC5)

"One World, Many Faces"

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

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- Relationships
- Research/Theory
- Spirituality
- Personal Growth
- Computer/Internet
- Performance
- Track X (other sessions)

The official language of the conference will be English; however, sessions in Spanish are encouraged and other languages will be considered. If you would like to present your session in a language other than English, please include that information in your proposal.

Please follow the format of the proposal submission form below.

Regardless of the language to be used during the session, please complete the form in English. The deadline for proposals is February 1, 1998. Send completed forms to:

IBC5 Call for Papers
P.O. Box 639
Cambridge MA 02140
USA

Alternatively, you may submit proposal forms electronically by sending them to presentations@biconf.org. This address can also be used to contact the program coordinator.

Further information about the conference can be found on the worldwide web at: <http://www.biconf.org>.

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Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN and now has Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30 years. The ABYA national youth officers are Maree Porter of Newcastle and Myke Dobber of Hobart. Sabina Nowak of Adelaide was the ABYA youth representative to the International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation's Conference on Homophobia and Fascism in Pisa, Italy, July 27 to August 3rd 1997. All national and local youth officers can be contacted by e-mail and/or telephone. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7pm, upstairs at: Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane.

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Lunch Time Drop-In is on each Tuesday & Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

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Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, can be contacted by calling Julie on 014-971582.

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A mixed gender/sexuality group for people in the Cairns district of far north Queensland. Can be contacted by calling Illese on (070) 314310 or Shane on (070) 51 7490.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007.

For information on SBN, Sydney meetings & events ring the info line on 0055-25926 (75c per minute) or Email: sbn@bi.org or check their web site at <http://bi.org/~sbn/>

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Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

Can be contacted by emailing: sby@queer.org.au or call Glenn 0414-664 888.

Their web site can be found at:
<http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/>

Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

PO Box 2030, Gosford, NSW 2250.

For information on events call (02) 4323 9064 or e-mail: statboa@tac.com.au or check their web site at:
<http://www.tac.com.au/~statboa/bi.htm>

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or telephone (02) 92062026 (business hours).

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Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

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Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counselling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training and workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library and a telephone information and counselling service. Contact:

The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Mont Albert, VIC 3127 or telephone (03) 9890 1068 or (03) 9899 0509 (GAMMALINE).

Tasmania

Hobart Bisexual Support Network

c/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001

E-mail Myke Dobber at:

m_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au and for information on social events you can call Sally on (03) 6273 6473.

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and Bi-friendly people. If you are interested please call Gillian on (08) 8395 0318 for details.

E-mail: gevans@dove.net.au

Bi The Way is an online & hardcopy newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community
<http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html>

West Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155

Email: ajb@opera.iinet.net.au

Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group

E-mail Paula at: photogal@highway1.com.au or write: PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849

Other Bi Resources

OzBi - e-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: subscribe ozbi to majordomo@queer.org.au (leave subject line blank). To send e-mail message to list: ozbi@queer.org.au

Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter

PO Box 221 Budgewoi NSW 2262

Babelicious

Contact newsletter for women who love women.
PO Box 357 Rozelle NSW 2039

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Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Correspondence Club

Pen Search has 1500+ members from 90+ countries Worldwide. Our members are Gay / Lesbian / Bisexual and we have been operating since 1988. Our main aim is to bridge the gap between Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people Worldwide, and to form true and lasting friendships. We are a non-profit organisation. For free info please write to: Pen Search, P.O.Box 1103, Eastwood, New South Wales, 2122, Australia.
E-Mail:- stevensp@tpgi.com.au

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE.

COUPLE bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 35 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. Code SA-H1.

ADELAIDE.

BI WOMAN 28, independent, big-hearted, professional, easy-going, dreamer, loves playing tennis, walks on the beach, bottle of wine, good conversation, movies, travel and the natural pleasures of life. Love to hear from other women looking for lots of laughs and honest relationships. Code SA-C1.

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BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

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ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 48, married, straight acting, 6ft tall, 73kg, med. build, healthy & fit, non-smoker, good-looking, would like to meet similar situated guy for meaningful friendship and safe fun times. Code SA-A2.

MODBURY / ADELAIDE.

BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 57" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc, seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. Code SA-M2.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (Far North Coast).

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1.

BATHURST (Central Mid West).

ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetero guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. Code NS-S5.

COOMA (South East Highlands).

FARMER 43, Snowy Mtns. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit, seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship / relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. Code NS-C3.

NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au or Code NS-H4.

HUNTER VALLEY, NSW.

BI TRANSGENDERED WOMAN As a single bi transgendered woman, I get a bit lonely and sexually frustrated. I love adventure and romance, and am into all sorts of things (read my homepage at <http://www.trl.com.au/pollychrome/entrance.htm>), and love sharing interests and time with friends, and I like making new friends. :) This is not an ad for a sex partner (though I'd love that too) cause I really can't imagine me having sex with people I don't know, but I AM looking for new friends of both genders. If something develops, well hey, what a bonus! But if it doesn't, well I still have a friend. :) Hope to hear from you soon.. Code NS-S4.

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SE Queensland welcome. Code NS-B5.

SYDNEY.

PROFESSIONAL M/F COUPLE both 28 yrs, she 5'7, large breasts, attractive, intelligent, seek; intelligent, attractive, open minded bi-female, 20-30 years in the inner city -Sydney region to satisfy females sexual desires and fantasies with another woman. Female is very bi and very frustrated in the lack of f/f sex. First timers welcome. Threesomes considered. Females only please! E-mail to: lesko@real.net.au

SYDNEY.

BI WOMAN wanting to meet Bi man for friendship with view to a relationship if suited. I'm 36, attractive, fit, intelligent, independant, strong willed with sense of humour. I love animals, good conversation, functional healthy relationships and eating out. You would be early 40's or under, a non-smoker, sensual, consider yourself attractive, be a good communicator, have your life reasonably together, and be looking for a longer term relationship with an equal. If this sounds appealing please write. A photo would be appreciated. Code NS-H3.

SYDNEY.

HEY! Are you a slim, spontaneous, playful, romantic, easy going, passionate Bi female? We're a Bi couple, she 30's, he 40's with similar qualities seeking threesome that is fun, with laughter, chocolate, friendship and possibly much more. Photo /phone appreciated. Code NS-W2.

SYDNEY.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F GENUINE seeking other Bi couples for regular safe sex evening. We are mid 30's, clean, healthy, discrete, highly sexed and fun loving. All replies will be answered & photos can be posted in exchange for yours. Code NS-H2.

SYDNEY.

COUPLE younger woman, older man, seek lovely Bi woman (NS) to be with. Interests are in the arts, children, healthy lifestyle, etc. Code NS-M5.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. Code NS-P4.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale (eg. a guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. Code NS-S3.

SYDNEY.

BI MALE 34, married, straight acting, 5ft 7.5ins, medium build, healthy, non-smoker, would like to correspond and later meet similar married male for friendship. If you have bi-feelings and desires and have little or no experience at all like myself and would like to safely explore bisexuality please drop me a line. Code NS-D5.

TWEED HEADS / GOLD COAST (Far North Coast / Queensland South Coast).

BI GUY 60's slim, clean shaven, fit, active, strong libido, ultra straight looking/acting (closet?), seeks Bi guy with all the above attributes for genuine mate & on-going one to one relationship. Phone number & photo nice. Code NS-D4.

TWEED HEADS / GOLD COAST (Far North Coast / Queensland South Coast).

TRANSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring and emotional. I am not into the gay / trans scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee and a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definately non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. Code QD-D13.

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BABINDA / NTH. QUEENSLAND

ON HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH short term accomodation is available with bi guy in his home for travellers to North Queensland, close to Cairns, the Tablelands and rainforest. Code QD-M17.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY married, slim, attractive, 43, seeks similar active Bi or Bi-curious lady for intimacy and adventures. No couples please. Code QD-K6.

BRISBANE.

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. Code QD-C9.

BRISBANE.

BI FEM 30ish feminine, sexy, discrete, single seeks beautiful brunette with similar qualities. I am easy going, wicked sense of humour, enjoys life in general, quiet and party times. Am smoker. No couples please, miss the intamacy & friendship. Please reply with phone number for quick repy. Interstate visitors okay. Code QD-T5.

BRISBANE.

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 22 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. ALA. Code QD-T6.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm attractive 33, 9 stone, 5'4". I'm seeking a bi woman, preferably single to join in fun times and excitement within my marriage. Age up to 45 years. Code QD-B20.

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm a conservative attractive 26 yo bisexual woman. I've been on the gay scene for 3 yrs and am wishing to make women friends who are interested in going out to straight nightclubs as all my friends are gay. All letters answered.. Code QD-D12.

BRISBANE.

YOUNG COUPLE he 30, dark hair 5'8" into bodybuilding, she 29, long brunette hair, good body into lingerie and X-rated movies, social drinkers, non-smokers, seek similar guy for on-going casual fun times. Code QD-Z1.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY, STRAIGHT HUSBAND early 40's, slim & attractive, enjoy outdoors. Wish to meet Bi lady for friendship & outings. Both smokers and social drinkers. First ad. Limits respected. Kids okay. Code QD-K5.

BRISBANE / IPSWICH.

BI COUPLE early 30's seek Bi woman 25 - 40 yrs, mainly for female, male willing to participate if required. We are: female - 5'2", 56kg, male - 5'8", 85kg. We love fun, strictly casual & no strings, prefer day time contact, other times can be negotiated. Please send phone number, details and interests. Code QD-F3.

BRISBANE / WOODRIDGE.

BI WOMAN & STRAIGHT MALE COUPLE bi woman, 20 and straight husband seek bi woman for friendship and possible relationship. Like the night life and fun times. Phot please. Code QD-M14.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. Code QD-S13.

BRISBANE / REDCLIFFE.

BI GUY middle aged, but well preserved, divorced, non-smoker, social drinker, smooth, trannie, very passive, very loving, seeks Bi guy, non-smoker for friendship & relationship if suited. David. Photo & phone number would be nice. ALA. Code QD-M18.

BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. Code QD-L8.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY Seeking exotic dark skinned male aged 19 to 30 for friend/relationship. I'm sincere, worldly, well travelled, compassionate, passive, 25, into writing, philosophy, music, art and traditional cultures. Code QD-N3.

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44, fit, solid to medium build, some say ruggedly handsome, shiftworker, would like to meet pre-op transsexual, transsexual or crossdresser for friendship and good times, hopefully a relationship will develop with right person. I am single and live alone, photo and phone number would be appreciated. Warren. Code R22.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 40's, married with physical disability but eager to meet another bisexual guy for first time experience. Please write soon. Code QD-J8.

BRISBANE (INNER NORTH).

BI GUY 48 yrs solid build, would like to meet a man for mutual oral, anal sex. ALA. Code QD-D14.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 27 average looks seeks guys, girls, transsexuals for safe sex. I'm straight acting. You, any age or nationality. Phone number and photo appreciated. ALA. Code QD-M16.

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

BI GUY 21 yr s old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. Code QD-D10.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY mid 40's secure seeks r'ship with slim attractive Bi lady to 40 yo. Want to enjoy all the good things of life even more with fun-loving adventurous companion. Photo & phone number would be greatly appreciated. ALA. Code QD-F2.

IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES
PLEASE LET US KNOW SO IT WILL BE IN JAN/FEB ISSUE

BRISBANE.

EURASIAN GUY passive, slim, 5 ft 7 in tall, 58 kg, dress up (crossdress), look attractive and effeminate, would like to meet single man, straight or bi, with average looks, up to 30 yrs old for friendship, relationship. Must be genuine. Don't be shy, write, a simple letter will do. Code QD-G6.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY tall slim, straight acting, late 30's seeks slim smooth Bi guy 20 plus. Must be non-scene and discrete. Photo & phone number appreciated. Code QD-M15.

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. Code QD-K7.

BRISBANE / GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both / all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA. Code QD-A3.

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, write soon. QD-R13.

CABOOLTURE

BI MALE mid 30's would like to meet Bi males or females for friendship or more who are under 34 years of age. I am 5'10" tall, 70kg in weight and have olive skin and shoulder length hair. I am a smoker and social drinker. Please reply with photo if possible. ALA. Pen pals welcome. Code QD-L9.

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GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS.

TRANSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring and emotional. I am not into the gay / trannie scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee and a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definitely non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. Code QD-D13.

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 35, likes wining and dining girls, sucks dicks like there's no tomorrow, seeks beauty or beast. I'm slim, straight acting, you anything. Code QD-O3.

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS

BI GUY 60's slim, clean shaven, fit, active, strong libido, ultra straight looking/acting (closet?), seeks Bi guy with all the above attributes for genuine mate & on-going one to one relationship. Phone number & photo nice. Code NS-D4.

GOLD COAST.

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. Code QD-B19.

LOGAN VILLAGE.

BI WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. Code QD-R15.

NOOSA / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI MALE discrete 38 yo slim build, good looking seeking the companionship of other Bi males. Interests include bushwalking, reading, tennis. I'm straight acting and practice safe sex only. Looking for intelligent hot bodied independent friend / relationship. Code QD-R20.

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

GUY seeks guy/s under 56, slim/med build who are into oral and anal sex & want love, f'ship, kiss, cuddle or just someone to write to. I'm a horny active 56 yo, slim/med build, av looks, 184cm, 93kg, SOH, I'm lonely & need to be wanted. Genuine Ad, write soon, ALA, phone number please, a photo would be nice. Code QD-B16.

SUNSHINE COAST.

BISEXUAL WOMAN desperately seeking Bi woman for pleasure, fun and possibly romance. I look forward to your reply. Code QD-R21.

SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-H9.

SUNSHINE COAST / BRISBANE.

BI GUY 36 slim build, 54kg, 170 cm tall, average looks, would like to meet guys, girls, couples for fun safe and discrete times, age open. Looking forward to hearing from you. ALA Phone number & photo if possible. Code QD-S18.

REMEMBER ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFER SEX
NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.
NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy nude recreation & have a secure career. Code QD-S15.

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and games. I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of speedos then contact me. Code QD-E2.

VICTORIA (VIC).

CARRUM DOWNS.

BI MARRIED WOMAN 25 built for fun not speed. I am seeking Bi woman 25 to 35 with sense of humour that borders on the wacky side. I am after something that will last. No one nighters please. Walk on the fun side! Code VI-B5.

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall & need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, No one-nighters. Code VI-H1.

MELBOURNE.

MALE 21, heterosexual but wants to try sex with another guy and open to women. Slim build - muscular build, 5'6", brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, good looking and experimental (but clean), looking for a male or female with a similar body. Looking for a guy or girl, preferably with little or no experience with sex, 100% genuine. Email me: mattk@eisa.net.au or respond by post to Code VI-K3.

MELBOURNE.

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or n/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. Code VI-S2.

MELBOURNE.

AUSSIE WIDE - GUY European B/ground seeks soul mate Aussie wide, non-scene Bi OK. I'm 30 CBC but live in country 5 min. Beach, Bush. You under 30, surfer guy on dole, relocate ASAP, 100% genuine, ALA. Code VI-M2.

AUSTRALIA WIDE.

GUY 29, non-scene, non smoker, non drinker, lives in country Victoria near Melbourne seeks a genuine guy under 30 for companionship, view to relationship, penfriends welcome from anywhere. ALA. Code VI-K1.

TASMANIA (TAS).

HOBART.

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. Code TA-F1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY.

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Email me: leicecra@altu.net.au or write quoting: Code WA-O2.

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 35 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman.* Code WA-J1.

PERTH.

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an on-going relationship. Code WA-Z1.

PERTH.

BI GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. Code WA-B2.

OVER SEAS (OS).

EUROPE

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. str.-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofplatz 5/49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (+49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: rguha@eso.org

NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

BI GUY 53y, Greek professional, unattached top, in search of mature (in mind) Aus Bi male to discuss bi matters, become friends and may be lovers, exchange visits (I can host, will U?). Look at my homestead (under construction) and e-mail me, Dinos, at adonis212cy@geocities.com No games please.

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 30 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, wishes to make new friends and correspond with Bi males/females up to 35 in Australia. Had experience of gay scene in Brisbane, interests include Aussie soaps, travel, radio and sports/beach clothes. Code OS-W1.

YEREVAN, ARMENIA.

GUY 30 years, Armenian, Christian, black eyes, black hair, good looking, pleasant, intellectual, kind, gentle, romantic, careful, patient, fond of art, travelling, nature, and everything which is beautiful. I take and respect all kinds of pleasure. Please write to me so we can become friends and more. Armen Nazarian, Poste Restante, Yerevan 375010, ARMENIA.

AMERICAS.

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 33 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, 80 900 CUBA.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.

ASIA.

MALANG, INDONESIA.

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is Kristanko Linardi, jl. Simpang Borobudur II / 10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

BISEXUAL MAN 26 years old, outdoors lover (scuba diver, swimmer and mountaineer) lean and muscular seeks males up to 40 for friendship and possible visits. I like traveling a lot and now I am considering a trip to Australia next year so it would be nice to know people there. Also would like to share thoughts and experiences about bisexuality. Write to Daniel M. Ocampo: mailing address: 54 Olive Street, SSS Village, Marikina, 1811 Metro Manila, the PHILIPPINES..

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

GAY GUY

I want to introduce my self: Name : Michael Setiabudi
Date of birth : July 2, 1972 City-country : Jakarta - Indonesia
Height-weight : 171 cm - 54 kg Sex : Male (I'm a gay)
Religion : Catholic Interest : Reading books, listening classical music, and I love dogs Occupation : Architect (beginner)
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SUNYANI, GHANA..

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SUNYANI, GHANA..

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SUNYANI, GHANA.

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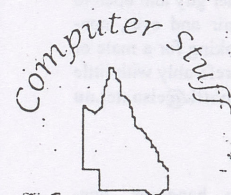
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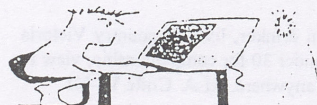
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